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I do remember some issues with Great Basin flow audit scheduling during the windy season, but I don't remember how Merrin resolved it. I've cc'ed Chris since he was often included in those discussions as well. I think it is fine to split up the semiannual flow audits the way you describe so that CARB does one and Great Basin does one...it just adds a little bit of scheduling complication if plans change to still be able to meet the 5-7 month separation between audits guidance that needs to be met for proper AQS data and reports.

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Kate,
Can you help us with the thirds question below from Patrick? The status of flow audits for GBUAPCD is an ever-elusive issue for me and Michael.

-Meredith

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Hello Meredith,

Several questions have come up recently and I wanted to see if I could get some clarification from EPA.

- Is there a specific procedure we can direct monitoring organizations to for requesting a waiver from EPA for monitoring issues such as siting? We recently worked with Monterey Bay Unified APCD on a siting issue but could not give them clear guidance on the required process for requesting a waiver. The issue has been resolved and a waiver granted, but we are still not clear if there is a specific process to follow.
- There seems to be some difference of interpretation within EPA on the status of the PQAQ designation for Great Basin Unified APCD. The TSA finding (DM8) indicates they are incorrectly listed as their own PQAQ in AQS, but need to be changed to the ARB PQAQ. However, in discussions that we had with Fletcher with regard to metadata updates he indicated that they act as their own PQAQ and will work directly with EPA to make their metadata corrections. We are in the process of preparing a letter to address DM8 and would like to get some clarification before proceeding.
- Also, can EPA verify that ARB is only responsible for conducting and entering one of the two required semi-annual PM flow audits for samplers within the GBUAPCD? The understanding that Merrin had was that GBUAPCD would conduct the second flow checks because they wanted to retain the flexibility of schedule by doing it themselves because the second audit typically occurs during the high wind/dust season and they did not want the samplers off-line during wind events. We are not seeing any audits conducted by GBUAPCD in AQS and wanted to verify.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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